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USDA TO SURVEY FARMERS' PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR 2021

NASHVILLE, TN - As the 2021 crop production season begins, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"Each year, the agriculture industry eagerly awaits USDA's *Prospective Plantings* report, which provides the first survey-based estimates of U.S. farmer's planting intentions for the year," said NASS' Tennessee State Statistician Debra Kenerson. "The March Agricultural Survey provides the factual data that support these projections, making it one of the most important surveys we conduct each year."

NASS will mail the survey questionnaire in late February asking producers, including over 1,500 in Tennessee, to provide information about the types and acreages of crops they intend to plant in 2021 and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Producers may also be contacted by phone.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer data are identified.

Survey results will be published in the *Prospective Plantings* and *Quarterly Grain Stocks* reports to be released on March 31, 2021. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call Debra Kenerson at the NASS Tennessee Field Office at 1-800-626-0987.

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